



Docket No. 50277-1653 (OID-2000-166-01)

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Sashikanth Chandrasekaran et al.

Serial No.: 09/871,853

Filed: May 31, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
REDUCING LATENCY AND
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DATA AND LOCK TRANSFER IN A
MULTI-NODE SYSTEM

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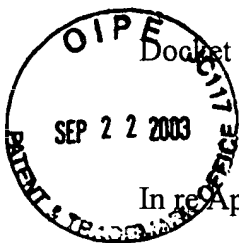
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.



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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.



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Total Claims	41	41	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	12	12	0	\$84.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$0.00



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Respectfully submitted,

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